

REMARKS

Status of the Claims

Claims 1, 2, 4, 5, 9, 11 – 18, 21 – 26, 28 - 39 were pending.

Claims 1, 2, 4, 5, 9, 11 – 16, 39 were allowed.

Claims 17, 18, 21 – 26, 28 – 38 were rejected.

Please **amend** claims 17, 32 and **cancel** claims 25, 26, 28 - 31.

Claims 1, 2, 4, 5, 9, 11 – 18, 21-24, 32 – 39, are pending.

It is believed that the remarks laid out herein below attend to all rejections and further issues raised in the pending office action dated 07 November 2008.

Claim Rejections

Claim Rejections Under 35USC103(a)

Claims 17, 18, 21 – 26, 28 – 35, 37, 38 were rejected under 35USC103(e) as allegedly being unpatentable over Toh (5,987,110) in view of Serfaty (GB2271693).

Claim 17 has been amended to include equivalent features of allowed claim 1. Therefore, new claim 17 is allowable.

Claims 18, 21 – 24 are directly or indirectly dependent on claim 17. Therefore, claims 18, 21 – 24 are patentable as well.

Claims 25, 26, 28 – 31 have been canceled

Claim 32 has been amended to include equivalent features of allowed claim 1. Therefore, new claim 32 is allowable.

Claims 33 - 38 are directly or indirectly dependent on claim 32. Therefore, claims 33 - 38 are patentable as well.

CONCLUSION

For the reasons given above, and after careful review of the cited reference, applicant respectfully submits that none of the cited references result in, teach or suggest applicant's claimed invention.

In view of the above Remarks, applicant has addressed all issues raised in the Office Action dated 07 November 2008, and respectfully solicits a Notice of Allowance for claims 1, 2, 4, 5, 9, 11 - 18, 21-24, 32 - 39. Should any issues remain, the Examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned attorney.

It is believed that all of the pending claims have been addressed. However, the absence of a reply to a specific rejection, issue or comment does not signify agreement with or concession of that rejection, issue or comment. In addition, because the arguments made above may not be exhaustive, there may be reasons for patentability of any or all pending claims (or other claims) that have not been expressed. Finally, nothing in this paper should be construed as an intent to concede any issue with regard to any claim, except as specifically stated in this paper, and the amendment of any claim does not necessarily signify concession of unpatentability of the claim prior to its amendment.

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